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April 5, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for FASTLANE Grant applications for Alameda Corridor-East Grade Separation Projects

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We are writing to express our strong support for two applications which will be submitted by the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority seeking discretionary funding from the Fostering Advancement in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) competitive freight grant program.

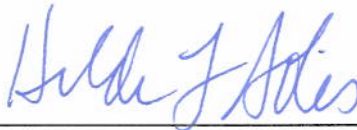
The ACE Construction Authority will submit two separate FASTLANE grant applications, seeking \$25 million for the Durfee Avenue Grade Separation Project in the City of Pico Rivera, California and \$35 million for the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project in the City of Montebello, California. Both projects are components of the comprehensive ACE Project consisting of 20 grade separations and grade crossing safety improvements along the ACE Trade Corridor in Los Angeles County.

With international trade flourishing and rail projects being advanced at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, local communities will see a steady increase of freight trains along the rail mainlines in Los Angeles County. The ACE grade separations are integral to Los Angeles County's strategy to enhance safety, reduce local congestion and improve the efficiency of goods movement throughout the region. Not only do these projects pay long-term dividends to the national significance of goods movement, but they also help mitigate the direct impacts to local communities.

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We, therefore, respectfully urge your favorable consideration of ACE Construction Authority's request for FASTLANE grant program funds. We look forward to your favorable response.

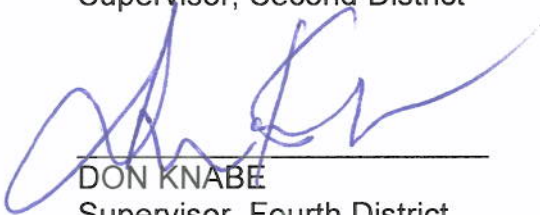
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